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FROM: DDI/O/CPAS.

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//THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CENTRAL BANK HEADQUARTERS BY AN
EXPLOSION ON 14 MARCH HAS PRODUCED CONFUSION THROUGHOUT THE IRAQI
BANKING SYSTEM.

BECAUSE THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED AFTERHOURS, NO BANK

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WORKERS WERE HARMED.//

2. IN BRIEF

MIDDLE EAST

-- //ANONYMOUS CALLERS CLAIM ISLAMIC JIHAD RESPONSIBLE FOR
KIDNAPING THREE FRENCH OFFICIALS IN BEIRUT, LEBANON YESTERDAY .
DEMAND PARIS CANCEL ARMS DEAL WITH SAUDIS AND STOP SUPPORTING IRAQ

SOUTH ASIA

-- //INDIAN PRIME MINISTER GANDHI EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE MORE
CONCILIATORY GESTURES TOWARD SIKHS TODAY DURING FIRST VISIT TO
PUNJAB SINCE SUCCESSION . . . MODERATE SIKHS PROBABLY TOO
DISGRUNTLED AND FACTIONALIZED TO CONSIDER TALKS WITH GOVERNMENT ANY
TIME SOON.//

AFRICA

-- //KURDISH WORKERS' PARTY, TURKISH-BASED SEPARATIST GROUP.
WEDNESDAY ANNOUNCED CREATION OF FRONT TO SEEK KURDISH STATE . . .
ENCOMPASSING PARTS OF SYRIA, IRAQ, IRAN, TURKEY . . . SUBSTANTIAL
EXPANSION OF GROUP'S GOALS.//

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